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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION BANGKOK FROM CHIANG MAI 5 DEC 75
REPEATED FOR YOUR ACTION

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L CHIANG MAI 292

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP, CGEN, LA, TH, US

SUBJECT: LAOTIAN CONSUL GENERAL CALLS

REFERENCE: A. VIENTIANE 6442 B STATE 282824

1. LAOTIAN CONSUL GENERAL PHANGNA KIETHONG
KEORAJOVONGSAY CALLED ON ME DEC, 4 OSTENSIBLY
TO REQUEST MY ASSISTANCE IN DELIVERING LETTER TO
AMERICAN FOREIGN SERVICE FRIEND IN EMBASSY VIENTIANE.
I DISCOVERED THAT HIS FRIEND TRANSFERRED TO WASHINGTON
AND HAVE FORWARDED LETTER THROUGH OTHER AGENCY CHANNELS.

2. KIETHONG SPENT MOST OF CALL BEMOANING RECENT
TURN OF EVENTS IN LAOS. JUST BEFORE VISITING ME HE
HAD RECEIVED TELEGRAM FROM MFA VIENTIANE INFORMING
HIM OF NEW GOVERNMENT LEADERS BY POSITION AND ORDERING
HIM TO FLY NEW FLAG. (FOR SOME TIME NOW HE HAS FLOWN
NO FLAG AT ALL OVER HIS OFFICE AND OLD GOVERNMENT FLAG
ON OFFICIAL CAR WHEN SPECIAL OCCASION REQUIRED FLAG
DISPLAY. HE HAS NOW ORDERED NEW GOVERNMENT FLAG BE
MADE LOCALLY.) HE DESCRIBED SOUVANNA PHOUMA AS
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NOW "PRISONER" OF PATHET LAO, SOUPHANOUVONG AS

POWERLESS, AND NEW GOVERNMENT AS MERE FACADE FOR HANOI.

3. I TOOK OPPORTUNITY PROVIDED BY HIS CALL TO REQUEST HIS COOPERATION IN DISCOURAGING AMERICAN VISITORS TO LAOS (REFTELS), POINTING OUT THAT AMERICANS OFTEN GO DIRECTLY TO HIS CONSULATE FOR VISAS WITHOUT ASKING THIS CONSULATE FOR ADVICE. HE SAID THAT RECENT TURN OF EVENTS MADE IT PARTICULARLY DANGEROUS FOR AMERICAN AND FRENCH NATIONALS TO VISIT LAOS AT THIS TIME. THEREFORE, HE WOULD HENCEFORTH DISCOURAGE AMERICAN VISA APPLICANTS.

4. COMMENT: LETTER WAS UNSEALED AND CONTENTS INNOCUOUS, LEAVING IMPRESSION KIENTHONG WISHED MERELY TO RENEW CONTACT IN CASE HE MIGHT NEED ASSISTANCE AT SOME FUTURE DATE FROM AMERICAN FOREIGN SERVICE FRIEND. HE HAS ALREADY REMOVED IMMEDIATE FAMILY FROM LAOS AND MOST OF HIS CHILDREN NOW STUDYING IN FRANCE. FOR THIS REASON AND HIS POOR KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH, LIKELIHOOD IS THAT KIENTHONG WILL TAKE REFUGE IN FRANCE RATHER THAN US IF HE IS ORDERED TO RETURN TO LAOS. HE IS FORMER CHARGE AT PEKING AND ONE OF MOST SENIOR MFA OFFICIALS.
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